Kirkland Transportation Commission Meeting Notes Wednesday June 26, 2013

Call to Order

Chair Pfundt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. <u>Members Present</u>: Tom Neir, Carl Wilson, Sandeep Singhal, Mike Snow, Tom Pendergrass, Tess Pate. Kirkland Staff Present: Dave Godfrey

Approval of meeting notes from May 22, 2013 meeting.

Approved with the following amendment; in comments from the Commissioners, comment from Wilson should be: "Questioned why there would be support for an expansion of Sound Transit service area when there is currently standing room only on ST Express buses."

Public Comment

Georgine Foster: Commented on a recent meeting she attended where a person from Minnesota discussed the value of using trails to help bicycles and pedestrians connect to transit. She added that such projects are viewed favorably for funding by federal agencies.

ST 3 Interest Statement

The Commission reviewed a draft statement prepared by staff. The Commission offered edits including the need to be stronger in comments about different alternative routes for link alignments, removing references to street cars, need to discuss access to the whole city along with Totem Lake and suggested wording for the Resolution that would accompany the interest statement.

Vancouver

Staff reported on a study trip sponsored by Seattle Neighborhood Greeways describing bicycle and pedestrian treatments in Vancouver, B.C., with a focus on neighborhood greenways. Caron LeMay of Kirkland Greenways also presented as she was also on the study trip.

The Commission was supportive of "all ages, all abilities" bicycle facilities as described in Vancouver, despite the challenges that a more suburban environment like Kirkland offers. This should be a theme that is developed in the Transportation Master Plan.

Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan

The Commission reviewed a draft map prepared by the Consultant team describing existing conditions and connections on the corridor. Also discussed was a report summarizing the public involvement events held in May and June. The Commission was in agreement with the five areas designated for more detailed study and found the map useful.

Joint meeting

Staff and Commission discussed the plans for a July 17 joint meeting of the Planning Commission, Park Board and Transportation Commission. The Commission indicated their interests in terms of items to be covered, time allotted for various items and how various activities should be conducted.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Staff reported on the Council study session on ITS, the upcoming study session on NE 85th Street and future presentation from WSDOT on tolling to the Commission, now scheduled for September. Comments from Commissioners; **Wilson:** Asked about the status of the Ethics ordinance recently passed by Council.

Meeting adjourned Unanimously approved to adjourn 8:20 p.m.